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Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

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Re: **CC Docket No. 96-45, In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service**

**Annual State Certification Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. '54.316**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. '54.316, state commissions must file an annual certification with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the FCC stating that residential rates in rural areas served by non-rural carriers are reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide.

**Utah Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (companies) Certified With This Letter:**

Qwest, Inc.

The Commission certifies that the rates charged by the sole non-rural ILEC serving rural areas in Utah are reasonably comparable to the nationwide urban rates. The rate charged by Qwest, Inc., Utah's only non-rural LEC serving rural areas, is less than the safe harbor amount determined by the FCC.

Respectfully,

Julie Orchard, Commission Secretary  
Utah Public Service Commission

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